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Setting up of Apparel Training Centre
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently established an Apparel Training Centre in Nigeria under the Cotton Technical Assistance Programme;
(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the expenditure incurred thereon and the time by which it is likely to be fully functional;
(c) whether the Government proposes to set up such centres in other countries as well;
(d) if so, the details thereof, countrywise along with the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to promote cotton and textile value chain and address the need for skilled workforce for domestic as well as export-oriented Industry in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Cotton Technical Assistance Programme for Africa under the aegis of the 2nd India - Africa Forum Summit held in 2011, is being implemented in Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Nigeria, Uganda and Malawi. The programme comprises of interventions to aid these countries to move up the cotton value chain. In this context, a pilot-scale apparel training centre has been set up in Kaduna State in Nigeria with the objective of imparting training on cutting and sewing operations. It is equipped with 20 sewing machine sets and accessories and equipment/material required for training people on apparel manufacturing. The expenditure incurred for setting up and operationalizing the

facility is approximately Rs 50 lakh. This training centre, which is now fully functional, has been handed over to the Government of Nigeria

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. A suitable site in Makoka in the southern part of Malawi for setting up a training centre similar to the one set up in Nigeria has been identified and machinery and equipment shipped from India have reached the site. The facility is expected to be operationalized in August 2016.

(e): The Government has announced a special package of Rs. 6000 crore for boosting employment generation and export potential of the Textile and Apparel Sector including additional incentives under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS). Further, with a view to address the trained manpower needs of the domestic and export-oriented textile industry in the country, the Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) is being implemented by the Ministry of Textiles during the 12th Plan period with an allocation of Rs 1900 crore to train 15 lakh persons.
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